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Halloween Traffic Safety Campaign

Leading up to Halloween, the Lake County Sheriff's Office reminds motorists of the importance of proper planning when attending Halloween gatherings, and not drinking and driving. The Lake County Sheriff's Office will be partnering with local and state partners in a traffic safety campaign beginning October 17 – November 1, 2020.

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "It is never okay to drive under the influence. A sober driver is at your fingertips with the overwhelming availability of ride shares and taxi cabs. If you drive under the influence, you will be arrested, so don't do it!"

The Lake County Sheriff's Office asks everyone to follow these simple tips to help keep our roads safe this Halloween:

- Plan for a safe and sober way home before you go out: designate a sober driver, take public transportation, use your favorite ride-sharing service, or call a sober friend or family member.
- Remember, walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as driving impaired. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement as soon as you can safely do so.
- If you see an impaired person about to drive, take their keys and help them get home safely.

The Halloween enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation and is part of the statewide *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* and *Click It or Ticket* campaigns.